

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Oanh Duong

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/24/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,7-10,12,13,16-18,26 and 28-33.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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### **INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

1. Applicants agreed to incorporate the limitation of claim 6 to all independent claims to place the application in condition for allowance.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The invention as claimed. Claims 1, 10, 26, 31 specially include a limitation based upon configuring the web browser program with two toolbar browser settings corresponding to the satisfied predetermined time-values. Although system and method for updating webpage based upon time based settings is firmly documented by cited prior art. The configuring the web browser program with two toolbar browser settings corresponding to the satisfied predetermined time-values limitations are novel and the invention is patentable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gero G. McClellan (Registration No. 44,227) on 12/23/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

The title of the invention is changed to: **"Time-Based Browser Toolbar Configurations According to At Least Two Predetermined Time-Based Browsing Settings"**.

The claims of the invention are amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for configuring a browser program executable on a computer connected to a network of computers, wherein the browser program is configurable according to at least two predefined time-based browser settings, the method comprising:
  - providing a different predetermined time-value for each of the at least two predefined time-based browser settings;
  - determining whether either of the different predetermined time-values is satisfied with respect to a current time; and
  - if so, configuring the browser program with [[the]] one of the at least two browser settings corresponding to the satisfied predetermined time-value; wherein the one of the two browser settings comprises at least one browser toolbar configuration and wherein the toolbar configuration comprises at least one configuration selected from a group consisting of a standard toolbar, a navigation toolbar, an address toolbar, and a user-defined toolbar.

5. (Cancel)

6. (Cancel)

10. (Currently Amended) A signal-bearing medium containing a program for configuring a browser program executable on a computer connected to a network of computers, wherein the browser program is configurable according to at least two predefined time based browser settings, the configuration program when executed by a processor, performs an method operation, comprising:

providing a different predetermined time-value for each of the at least two predefined time-based browser settings;

determining whether either of the different predetermined time-values is satisfied with respect to a current time; and

if so, configuring the browser program with [[the]] one of the at least two browser settings corresponding to the satisfied predetermined time-value; wherein the one of the two browser settings comprises at least one browser toolbar configuration and wherein the toolbar configuration comprises at least one configuration selected from a group consisting of a standard toolbar, a navigation toolbar, an address toolbar, and a user-defined toolbar.

14. (Cancel)

15. (Cancel)

26. (Currently Amended) A Web browser resident in memory, comprising:

a plurality of time-based browser settings;

a plurality of predetermined time-values, wherein each of the plurality of predetermined time-values corresponds to one of the plurality of time-based browser settings; and

configuration code for configuring the browser with each of the plurality of time-based browser settings when the corresponding predetermined time-value is satisfied by a current time; wherein at least one of the plurality of time-based browser settings comprises a browser toolbar configuration and wherein the toolbar configuration comprises at least one configuration selected from a group consisting of a standard toolbar, a navigation toolbar, an address toolbar, and a user-defined toolbar.

27. (Cancel)

31. (Currently Amended) A method of configuring a browser differently based on a current time, comprising:

upon launching the browser, loading a first set of browser configuration settings based on a determination of the current time; and

after the expiration of some time, loading a second set of browser configuration settings based on a determination of the current time; wherein at least one of the first and second sets of browser settings comprises at least one browser toolbar configuration and wherein the toolbar configuration comprises at least one configuration selected from a group consisting of a standard toolbar, a navigation toolbar, an address toolbar, and a user-defined toolbar.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Oanh Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-3983. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 2:00PM - 10:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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